

**/FAIRFAX COUNTY ATHLETIC COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

February 15, 2006

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Harold Leff, Hunter Mill District  
Barbara R. Lowrey, Mason District  
Jeny Beausoliel, Alternate, Mason District  
Stephen McLaughlin, Providence District  
David Lacey, Sully District  
Elizabeth T. Bradsher, Member-At-Large  
Sam Althoff, Town of Vienna  
Rob Hahne, Fairfax County Baseball Council  
Mark Meana, Fairfax County Football Board of Commissioners  
Ralph Wills, Fairfax County Soccer Advisory Council  
Tricia Johnson, Fairfax County Volleyball Council  
William J. Stephens, Fairfax County Women's Sports Programs

**COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES:**

Amy Craig, Fairfax County School Board  
Patricia D. Franckewitz, Department of Community and Recreation Services  
Christopher A. Leonard, Department of Community and Recreation Services  
Jesse Ellis, Department of Community and Recreation Services

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joseph Jozefczyk, Braddock District  
Michael Champness, Dranesville District  
Lula Bauer, Lee District  
Wesley "Mike" Viilo, Mt. Vernon District  
Roger Sims, Springfield District  
J. Marcelo Gangotena, Diversity-At-Large  
Jeffrey E. Stein, Town of Clifton  
Jerry Carter, Town of Herndon  
Carl Coan, Fairfax County Adult Softball Council  
Tom Moore, Fairfax County Youth Basketball Council  
Bill Harvey, Fairfax County Lacrosse Council

**GUESTS:** Field Turf Representatives: Frank LeMaster, John B. McShane, III, Jim Shannahan, Bob Watts.

**Meeting Opening** – Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. After the Turf Field Presentation Mr. Leff called the roll and a quorum was present.

**Presentation** - Field Turf – Four representatives from Field Turf, a synthetic field turf company, did a presentation in order to educate the Council regarding synthetic turf. The product emulates a "sand-based Bermuda grass" field. This product lasts 10 to 15 years. The new fiber product should increase this life of the field to between 20 and 25 years.

The company has replaced 1,800 fields in the United States including NFL, high school, soccer, and baseball fields. The fields are designed to drain water at the rate of 20" per hour. The company is a single source company and it does the entire project from design to completion. The company has a contract with a purchasing group that is in 28 states including Virginia. This allows Fairfax County to assign a purchase order to this company without having to put it out for public bids. This will save both time and money. Mr. Watts said a field can be completed in less than four months. After completion an eight year insured warranty is issued on the carpet.

**Administrative Items** - The January 18, 2006, minutes were approved as written.

**Chairman's Items** –

Disciplinary Actions and Sanctions Against Parents – Mr. McLaughlin stated that they were looking into a recent problem concerning disciplinary actions against a parent. They found that there should be a progressive disciplinary action, documentation of action taken, a written code of conduct, and a written disposition to the affected party signed by all involved

**Committee Reports**

Sports Forum/Character Awards – Mr. McLaughlin said he does not have the final date for this yet. He is trying for April.

**Matters of Interest from Governing Bodies**

Information – Board of Supervisors: Nothing to report

Information – Fairfax County Public Schools: Nothing to report

Information – Fairfax County Park Authority: Nothing to report

Information – Community and Recreation Services: Jesse Ellis stated that Casey Hanes' and Brian Dreyer's positions have been filled.

**New Business**

Mr. Meana moved that the Fairfax County Athletic Council direct the FCAC Chairman, upon the release of the Fairfax County Government-proposed FY 07 budget, to write a letter to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors requesting additional funding for the Synthetic Turf Field Development Program. The following should be included in the correspondence:

- The FCAC requests that the Board of Supervisors supplement the proposed funding for the program with additional funds to increase the total to \$1.8 million annually. This level of funding will ensure that the county can fund the

development of at least two synthetic turf fields per year; partnerships with community organizations could provide the possibility of funding additional fields.

- The FCAC requests the Board of Supervisors, during the year-end carryover process, review the possibility of using available funds to further support this program.
- The FCAC indicates to the Board of Supervisors that over the next several months, the Department of Community and Recreation Services and the Park Authority staff will work with the FCAC to develop a process to identify future fields that will be developed utilizing funds from Synthetic Turf Field Development Program.

Mr. Wills seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wills submitted a copy of a letter (see attached) that he had sent to the Fairfax County Park Authority requesting an interim use agreement for construction of fields at the Stevens Tract. Mr. Wills moved to have the Council support development of fields at the property known as the Stevens Tract as outlined in the letter dated February 13, 2006. Mr. Hahne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Leff  
Secretary